

## HOUSE BILL NO. 640.

Executive Office,  
State of Texas,  
Austin, April 19, 1905.

To the Secretary of State:

I disapprove and herewith transmit House Bill No. 640, entitled "An Act to name the several counties composing the sixty-third Judicial District and to fix the times for holding the District Court therein, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith." I give notice and publicly proclaim that I object to this bill because it is not signed by the presiding officer of the Senate. Section 38, Article 3, of the Constitution, provides that "The presiding officer of each house shall, in the presence of the house over which he presides, sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the Legislature, after their titles have been publicly read before signing; and the fact of signing shall be entered on the journals." This is a positive requirement in order to give validity to any bill passed by the Legislature. Because this bill does not bear the signature of the Presiding Officer of the Senate, it is vetoed.

S. W. T. LANHAM,  
Governor.